



Civil Air Patrol
U.S. Air Force Auxiliary

TEXAS WING

One Virus, One Wing

While not quite as renowned as the Texas Rangers' "One Riot, One Ranger" motto, the "One Virus, One Wing" declaration reflects Texas Wing's spirit, tenacity and pure grit.

In 2020, the wing flew over 5,300 hours in several mission areas and members devoted 1,072 flight hours (more than any other Civil Air Patrol wing) to the COVID-19 response, 650 aerial hours in support of search and rescue missions and 3,800 hours flown in disaster response and training. COVID missions included the transport of 64,165 test kits, over 150 pounds of personal protective equipment (PPE) and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) personnel. Members also assisted in supplying 30,690 meals to the hungry. In addition, members helped Texas with more traditional disaster missions. TDEM purchased and entrusted wing crews to fly missions with the new WaldoAir 3D-imaging system, allowing for rapid assessment and priority resource distribution from the state Emergency Operations Center following disasters. The system was used on three separate missions in 2020.

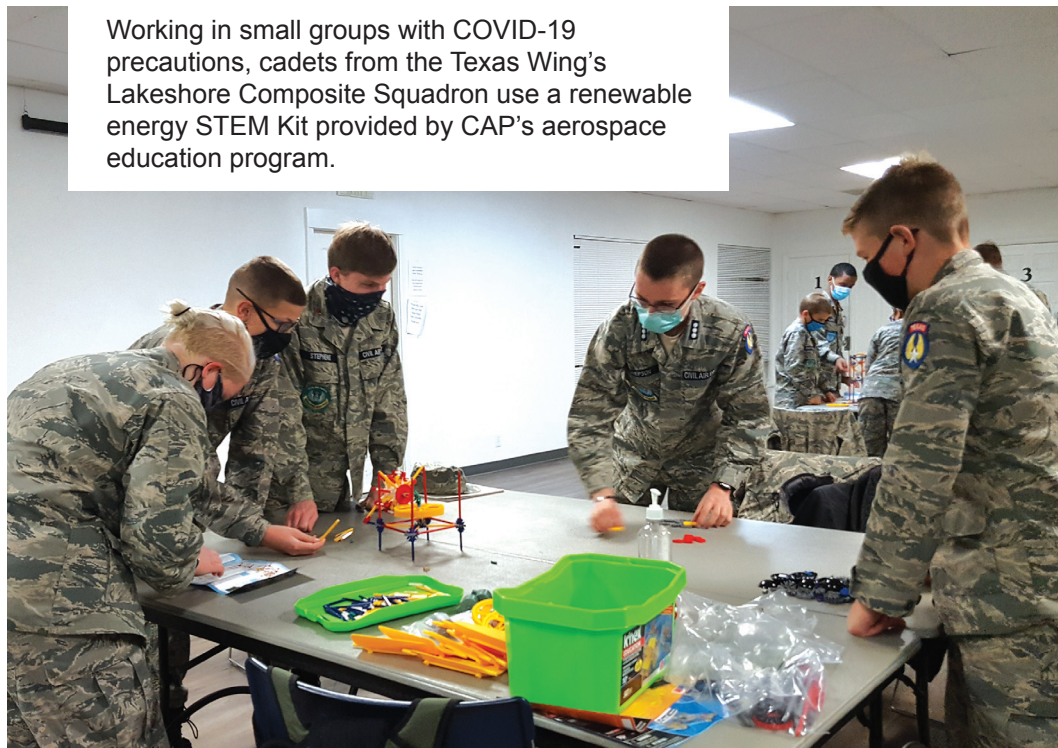
The wing's cadet program did not slow down in 2020, as five cadets received the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award — the pinnacle of CAP's cadet program. Cadets passed over 4,700 tests and achieved numerous milestone awards, all while meeting virtually for most of the year because of pandemic restrictions. Virtual meetings have provided the cadets from across the wing with the new opportunity to view presentations from agencies like the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The wing's aerospace education program also coped with the pandemic by

hosting virtual tours and presentations from agencies in Texas, like NASA and several museums. Units have returned to meeting in small groups while maintaining COVID guidelines. Some units used hands-on STEM kits to inspire curiosity and creativity.

"Texas Wing continues to succeed as one team by remaining flexible during the massive changes to our program," said Col. William H. Schroder, wing commander. "We will overcome this one virus."

Working in small groups with COVID-19 precautions, cadets from the Texas Wing's Lakeshore Composite Squadron use a renewable energy STEM Kit provided by CAP's aerospace education program.



Texas Wing 2020 Statistics

Volunteer Members

1,559 adult members
1,640 cadets
428 aircrew personnel
2,119 emergency responders

Squadrons

74 locations statewide

Aircraft

31 single engine
3 gliders

Vehicles

39 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

32 VHF/FM repeaters
491 VHF/FM stations
90 HF stations

Missions

25 search and rescue missions
1 life saved*
28 finds*

* Includes life saved and finds credited with national team support
4 disaster relief missions
1 air defense intercept training and evaluation mission
11 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flight missions
9 other Air Force support missions
16 training missions
3 other state support missions

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2020

111th Attack Squadron RPA escort operations; 301st Fighter Wing low-level route survey; Felix Hawk; Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport severe weather surveys; Onalaska tornado support; Hurricane Hanna support; Hurricane Laura support; Air Defense Artillery Battalion Culminating Training Event (Falcon Virgo)

COVID-19 Mission Support

Distributing food and critical supplies; Distributing test kits and personal protective equipment (PPE); Transporting completed test kits

Cadet Flying

429 CAP, AFROTC and AFJROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown

5,304

Financial

\$10,033,958 value of wing's volunteer hours

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ The Texas Wing has flown more hours in support of the COVID-19 response than the rest of CAP combined.
- ✓ Five of the 30 Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Awards earned in 2020 went to Texas Wing cadets.
- ✓ Thirty of the wing's 54 units earned CAP's Quality Cadet Unit Award.

